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TAGS: MASS, MARR, SA, US

SUBJECT: DSAA DIRECTOR LTGEN FISH LETTER TO SAG MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JANUARY 16, 1976 FROM DIRECTOR DSAA LTGEN FISH TO BE DELIVERED TO SAG MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: UNDER THE PRESENT BILATERAL SAUDI ARABIA-UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT ON CONSTRUCTION OF MILITARY FACILITIES, THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WHICH WE BELIEVE HAS BEEN MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AND BENEFICIAL. THE US LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY FOR THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS PARTICIPATION IS THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT (PUBLIC LAW 90-629) DATED 22 OCTOBER 1968, AS AMENDED. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AUTHORITY, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IMPLEMENTS YOUR REQUESTS FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES ON LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE, DD FORM 1513.

IN THE PAST, THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS HAS BEEN ACCEPTING AND EXECUTING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS BY MEANS OF LETTERS OR INDEPENDENT AGREEMENTS WHICH DIFFER SOMEWHAT FROM THOSE REQUIRED BY DOD DIRECTIVES. IN THE INTEREST OF CONSISTENCY WE HAVE INSTRUCTED THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO BEGIN USE OF THE LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE, DD FORM 1513, FOR ALL NEW ORDERS RECEIVED AFTER 1 DECEMBER 1975.

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OUR OBJECTIVE, OF COURSE, IS NOT TO BE DISRUPTIVE TO THE

RELATIONSHIP NOW ENJOYED BUT TO STANDARDIZE THE SYSTEM AND TO ASSURE THE COMPLIANCE BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS WITH THE CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT. THIS PROCEDURAL CHANGE WILL NOT NECESSITATE ANY CHANGE TO THE EXISTING CORPS OF ENGINEERS AGREEMENT NOR WILL IT REQUIRE RESTATING EXISTING CONTRACTS. SINCE YOU ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH THE DD FORM 1513, I FEEL CERTAIN THIS WILL NOT INCONVENIENCE YOUR INTERNAL PROCEDURES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS.

MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, TO EXTEND MY BEST REGARDS AND PERSONAL ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED TRUST AND COOPERATION. SINCERELY, /S/ HM FISH. END TEXT.

2. THE COE OFFICE IN RIYADH HAS HEARD ABOUT THE LETTER AND MAY HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT ITS WORDING.

3. I BELIEVE SUCH LETTERS SHOULD BEAR SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT OFFICER, PREFERABLY THAT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY, NEA; OR ALTERNATIVELY, THAT TEXT BE SENT TO ME OR CHARGE FOR SIGNATURE. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS.

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